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Amendment

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To: Senate Bill No. 1051

File No. 548

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"AN ACT STRENGTHENING HOME CARE SERVICES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) A homemaker-
4 companion agency shall provide an employee with (1) a minimum of
5 sixteen hours of paid training not later than sixty days after hiring such
6 employee, and (2) eight hours of paid continuing education annually.
7 Training topics shall include (A) services to assist consumers with
8 personal hygiene, (B) cooking, (C) household cleaning, (D) laundry
9 and other activities of daily living, and (E) a minimum of one hour of
10 training in federal and state workplace safety, fair wage and
11 antidiscrimination laws, regulations related to the employee's job
12 duties and the rules of any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

13 (b) A homemaker-companion agency shall ensure that employee
14 training is provided by a trainer with experience in workforce training
15 in the home care industry, with preference given to a trainer with
16 experience in both the effective performance of home care duties and
17 the rights and responsibilities of home care consumers and employees.

18 Sec. 2. Subdivision (5) of section 20-670 of the general statutes is
19 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
20 *1, 2019*):

21 (5) "Comprehensive background check" means a background
22 investigation of a prospective employee performed by a homemaker-
23 companion agency, that includes: (A) A review of any application
24 materials prepared or requested by the agency and completed by the
25 prospective employee; (B) an in-person interview of the prospective
26 employee; (C) verification of the prospective employee's Social
27 Security number; (D) if the position applied for within the agency
28 requires licensure on the part of the prospective employee, verification
29 that the required license is in good standing; (E) a check of the sexual
30 offender registry established and maintained pursuant to section 54-
31 257; (F) a review of criminal conviction information obtained through a
32 search of current criminal matters of public record in this state based
33 on the prospective employee's name and date of birth; (G) if the
34 prospective employee has resided in this state less than three years
35 prior to the date of the application with the agency, a review of
36 criminal conviction information from the state or states where such
37 prospective employee resided during such three-year period; and (H) a
38 review of any other information that the agency deems necessary in
39 order to evaluate the suitability of the prospective employee for the
40 position.

41 Sec. 3. Section 20-671 of the general statutes is repealed and the
42 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

43 No person acting individually or jointly with any other person shall
44 establish, conduct, operate or maintain a homemaker-companion

45 agency in this state without first obtaining a certificate of registration
46 from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section
47 20-672. A homemaker-companion agency shall submit annual cost
48 reports and audited financial statements to the commissioner. Annual
49 cost reports may be identical to annual reports submitted by the
50 agency to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	20-670(5)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	20-671